

PATENT APPLICATION

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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING ELECTRONIC MESSAGE  
AUTHENTICATION**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 14, 2009, Applicants petition for a one month extension of time, submit a Request for Continued Examination and the following Preliminary Amendment:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.